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SUBJECT: SWAZILAND'S POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUES

REFS: A. STATE 201606; B. MDABANE 1395;

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1. SUMMARY. ROS HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NAC, TO VOTE FOR BUT NOT SPONSOR FRIENDLY DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION, AND TO ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. FURING PAST TEN DAYS, GOS HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CONSIDERING ITS POSITION ON KOGEAN ISSUE. BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATIONS VISITED SWAZILAND AUGUST 21 AND 22 AND MET SEPARATELY WITH BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO FORMIN PERMSEC, NORTH KOREANS DID NOT HAVE A COPY OF HOSTILE  
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RESOLUTION BUT "EXPLAINED" WHAT IT MEANT AT GREAT LENGTH.

SOUTH KOREA DEL, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR YEON FROM NAIROBI, DID NOT CONTACT EMBASSY DURING ITS ONE-DAY VISIT IN SWAZILAND. LOCAL SOUTH KOREA COMMUNITY (A FEW DOCTORS AND AG TECHNICIANS) HAS ALSO BEEN LOBBYING HARD WITH GOS. DURING THIS PERIOD, GOS PERMREP AT U.N. MORMAN MALINGA, WHO WILL BE KEY MEMBER OF SWAZI DELEGATION TO NAC AND UNGA, HAS BEEN IN MBABANE ON CONSULTATION. (MALINGA LEFT FOR LIMA ON AUGUST 26.)

3. CHARGE MET WITH FORNMIN PERMSEC MBONI DLAMINI ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING PAST TWO WEEKS TN KOREAN ISFUE AND HAS CONSULTED WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER LE TOCQ. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DPAMINI, CHARGE DREW HEAVILY ON STATE REFTELS, LEFT COPIES OF SCALI LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF UNSC AND LETTER TO SYN WITH EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AND DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA, AND STRESSED THAT FIRENDLY RESOLUTION LOOKS TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES WHILE HOSTILE RESOLUTION SEEKS TO EXCLUDE ROK FROM NEGOTIATIONS. LE TOCQ HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST SWAZI CO-SPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, WHICH HE CARRIED OUT IN PARALLEL APPROACH.

4. ON AUGUST 27, DLAMINI INFORMED CHARGE THAT GOS HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NAC, TO VOTE FRIENDLY DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION, BUT NOT CO-SPONSOR, AND TO ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. DLAMINI IMPLIEB THAT GOS BELIEVES IN FACT THAT NEITHER NORTH NOR SOUTH KOREA IS REALLY "NON-ALIGNED" BUT THAT IF ONE IS TO BE ADMITTED TO NAC, BOTH SHOULD BE. SINCE NORTH KOREA, HE SAID, OBVIOUSLY HAS STRONG SUPPORT FOR NAC MEMBERSHIP, GOS DECIDED TO VOTE FOR BOTH. ON DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION, GOS BELIEVED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION OFFERED BEST HOPE OF PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE AND WOULD VOTE FOR IT; HOWEVER, CO-SPONSORSHIP IMPLIED A KIND OF TOTAL COMMITMENT TO EVERY WORD THAT GOS WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE. SINCE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE WIDE SUPPORT FROM OTHER OAU AND NAC COUNTRIES, SWAZILAND DID NOT BELIEVE IT COULD JEOPARDPZE ITS RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES BY VOTING AGAINST, IT WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN OR ARRANGE TO BE ABSENT.  
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5. COMMENT. GOS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IS PROBABALY TME BEST WE COULD HAVE HOPED FOR. SWAZILAND IS BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR POSITION, BUT IS IS A SMALL COUNTRY, SENSITIVE ABOUT ITS "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND VULNERABLE TO CRITICISM BY OTHER OAU STATES. THE GOS IS THEREFORE UNWILLING TO TAKE A POSITION, SUCH AS CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, THAT WILL

ISOLATE IT FROM OTHER OAU AND NAC STATES.

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